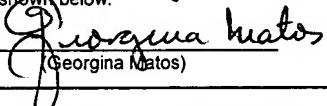


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### RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the non-final Office Action mailed December 1, 2005 (Paper No. 22112005), which set forth a Restriction Requirement for pending claims 1-64. A Response was due on January 1, 2006. Filed herewith is a Petition and fee for a three-month extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for response to April 1, 2006. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.